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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
GUIDO SCHMITZ, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION :  
(BASED ON PCT/EP05/53946)  
FILED: HEREWITH :  
FOR: MULTI-LAYER COMPOSITE :  
COMPRISING AN EVOH LAYER :  
AND A PROTECTIVE LAYER :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination of the application please undertake the following changes.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.